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a memory for storing master characteristic information associated with each genuine bill which the system is capable of identifying; said memory storing master characteristic information associated with at least one genuine bill from each of at least two currency systems; and

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a signal processing means for comparing said retrieved characteristic information with master characteristic information associated with at least one genuine bill, said signal processing means generating an indication of the [identity] denomination of said bill based on said comparison when said retrieved characteristic information sufficiently matches said master characteristic information, wherein said system is relatively compact.

REMARKS

This application has been allowed by a notice of allowance mailed August 5, 1999, batch number W74. The foregoing amendment after allowance is requested to place the claims in better form, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

It is requested that applicant's undersigned representative be notified of the acceptance and entrance of the foregoing amendments. Should any other question arise concerning the foregoing amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned representative at the number given hereinbelow.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. CUMM139--1.

Respectfully submitted,



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